



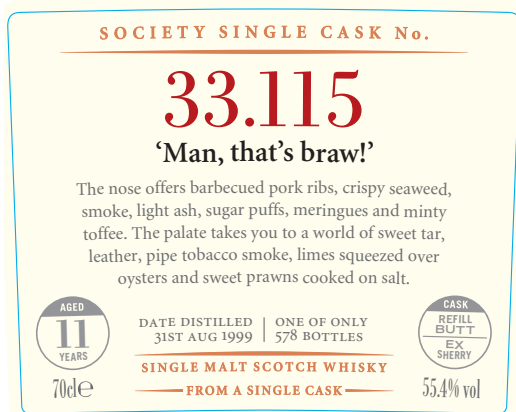
Outturn

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THE SCOTCH MALT
WHISKY SOCIETY

Whisky Region: Islay



Notes:

'Man, that's brow!'

618 SEK

33.115

The nose was beautifully balanced; varnish, paint, leather, light ash, coal, coarse bread, minty toffee, smoked sugar puffs and shellfish bisque against barbecued pork ribs and char-sui pork fried rice. The first comment provoked by the palate was 'Man, that's brow!' – sweet tar, ash, ham and pineapple pizza, leather and pipe tobacco smoke. The reduced nose was a brilliant combination of crispy seaweed, charred red peppers and meringues or spun sugar with strawberry and lemon sorbet. The palate had salty caramel, limes squeezed over oysters and sweet prawns cooked on salt – amazingly rewarding. The last distillery along the Kildalton road.

Colour – toffee gold

Cask – refill butt

Drinking tip

While watching the sun go down near a lighthouse



Notes:

Lavender in a coal bunker

532 SEK

127.16

Homely scents of extinguished bonfires and Coal Tar soap, over-flowing ash-trays and cigar ash assailed us to begin with, soon joined by floral fragrances – lavender, perfumed nail varnish remover, aroma-therapy oils. The taste reflected all this: very sweet and smoky, with scented bath-salts in the finish. With water, the smoky notes advanced (smouldering peat), with medicinal notes close behind (neoprene – as in wet-suits – and iodine), with a salty tang: drying seaweed as the tide ebbs. Soft, sweet, spicy and salty to taste, with mellow smoke then tar in the aftertaste. This is a whisky-lover's whisky from 'Bruichladdich No. 2': not for the uninitiated.

Colour: Mid gold

Cask: Refill barrel

Drinking tip:

With a Cal-Mac breakfast, after a week on Islay

Whisky Region: Speyside

SOCIETY SINGLE CASK No.

35.61

Just so-oooh nice

The nose slowly opens to fudge, toffee, vanilla, Demerara, mandarins and pineapple cake; slightly more interesting with water thanks to various botanicals. The big, stimulating palate has fab juicy fruits, sherbet, woody spice, cake and a minty aftertaste – so-oooh nice!

AGED 21 YEARS
70cl e

DATE DISTILLED 11TH JAN 1990 | ONE OF ONLY 213 BOTTLES

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY
FROM A SINGLE CASK

CASK 1ST FILL BARREL EX BOURBON
60.4% vol

Notes:

Just so-oooh nice

1012 SEK

35.61

One or two panellists found the nose slightly musty, and some said slow to open, but we identified fudge, candy, toffee, vanilla, carrot cake, melting Demerara, hard fruity sweets, mandarins and upside-down pineapple cake. The palate was immediately big, stimulating and fab – lots of juicy fruits, sherbet, woody spices (including quinine) and slightly over-baked cakes. The nose became more interesting with water – now including gin botanicals and herbs (gentian, Chartreuse), almost salty even. The reduced palate was 'just so-oooh nice', though perhaps a tad bitter with traces of mint in the aftertaste. The distillery takes the name of the county.

Colour – bright tobacco leaf gold

Cask – first fill barrel, ex Bourbon

Drinking tip

One to enjoy while reading a good book

SOCIETY SINGLE CASK No.

1.160

Sunny spiced apples and vanilla cream

Warm buttery aromas; barley fields, porridge, honeycomb, ginger, cider and warm wood with hot sweet tastes of ripe red cherries, spiced baked apples and vanilla. Dilution made it apple-ier with a creamy spiced edge; it was sweet, and smooth to taste.

AGED 11 YEARS
70cl e

DATE DISTILLED 2ND MAY 2000 | ONE OF ONLY 200 BOTTLES

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY
FROM A SINGLE CASK

CASK 1ST FILL BARREL EX BOURBON
55.6% vol

Notes:

Sunny spiced apples & vanilla cream 617 SEK

1.160

Soft warm buttery aromas greeted the Panel on the nose; sunny fields of barley, golden syrup covered porridge and honeycomb. A whiff of ginger, sweet cider and warm wood shavings put us in the mood for summer. It was hot, sweet and juicy to taste with barley sugar, ripe red cherries, vanilla, spiced baked apples and coconut & rum ice-cream. The addition of water made it apple-ier, think crumble, charlotte, filled doughnuts but it all with a creamy spiced vanilla edge to it, which came through on the palate which was sweet, smooth and juicy. Run by the Grant family since 1865.

Colour: Straw gold

Cask type: 1st fill barrel, ex Bourbon

Drinking tip

In contemplation of dessert

SOCIETY SINGLE CASK No.

125.54

Christmas in Jamaica

The nose conveys Brazil nut toffee, marmalade on toast and rum and raisin ice-cream. Water finds chocolate, caramel and molasses. The palate is intense and vibrant, with orange zest, treacle toffee, cocoa, dates, figs and raisins, then lasting ginger heat.

AGED 9 YEARS
70cl e

DATE DISTILLED 9TH NOV 2001 | ONE OF ONLY 280 BOTTLES

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY
FROM A SINGLE CASK

CASK REFILL HOGSHEAD EX BOURBON
61.4% vol

Notes:

Whisky Region: Highland

Christmas in Jamaica

535 SEK

125.54

Soft, rich and creamy, the nose displayed buttery toffee with Brazil nuts and Macadamias, plums, marmalade on toast, liquorice, treacle pudding and rum and raisin ice cream. The unreduced palate was massive, intense and vibrant with plentiful heat, treacle toffee, orange zest, dates, figs, raisins and plums – quite Christmassy. The reduced nose, conveying chocolate, rum, caramel and molasses (and a tiny trace of struck match) seemed almost Jamaican. It remained full on the palate – we identified dark chocolate truffles dusted in cocoa, candied oranges, treacle, liquorice, and a pleasant, long-lasting ginger and pepper heat. From Tain's one and only distillery.

Colour – Seville orange marmalade

Cask – refill hogshead, ex Bourbon

Drinking tip

A perfect winter warmer – or after dinner with coffee

SOCIETY SINGLE CASK No.

4.156

A cooper's apron on a fishing boat

The nose offers toffee, citrus, marmite, forest floors, wood smoke and toasted pine nuts; water brings apple, pear, apricot, wet sails and hemp ropes. The palate has treacle toffee, burnt heather sprigs, leather and oak, tobacco and smoked jelly babies.



DATE DISTILLED 31ST MAY 1991 | ONE OF ONLY 252 BOTTLES



SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

FROM A SINGLE CASK

53.5% vol

Notes:

A cooper's apron on a fishing boat

979 SEK

4.156

We found the nose curious – toasted pine nuts, toffee, marmite on toast, orange, lemon (squeezed over fish?) cider vinegar, forest floor after rain and muted wood smoke. Fruity aromas dominated with water – apricot jam, hard pears and apples – also refreshers, wet sails, oilskins and hemp rope – strangely maritime. The unreduced palate brought a wee tear to the eye with deep resonances of treacle toffee, charred wood, burnt heather sprigs, leather and oak (someone suggested 'a cooper's apron'). The reduced palate evoked tobacco, Balmoral sauce, heather, oily ropes and 'smoked jelly babies' – leaving pleasant tingles after. The distillery stands above Kirkwall.

Colour – shiny straw

Cask – refill hogshead, ex Bourbon

Drinking tip

After gardening or before fishing

SOCIETY SINGLE CASK No.

93.46

Tar, tea-chests and engine oil

Wood polish shifts to honey and toffee on the nose, then grilled lamb chops and a coal-miner's overalls; water brings citrus, banana and candle-wax. The palate has putty, tar, liquorice, leather, tea-chests and engine oil against toffee and fudge sweetness.



DATE DISTILLED 30TH JUN 1999 | ONE OF ONLY 796 BOTTLES



SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

FROM A SINGLE CASK

59.8% vol

Notes:

Tar, tea-chests and engine oil

654 SEK

93.46

The nose started out with wood polish and pear, before turning sweeter (strong honey, toffee crunch ice-cream). It also had a smoky, oily meatiness, like grilled lamb chops and a coal-miner's overalls. The palate was somewhat challenging at full strength – putty, plasticine, tar and liquorice root but with big toffee and fudge sweetness. Water turned the nose cleaner – citrus, banana, candle-wax and honeycomb, but with distant singed mackerel or breakfast kipper. We agreed the reduced dram was eminently drinkable – bourbon cream biscuits and brandy snaps balancing leather, tar, tea-chests and engine oil. This distillery's cast-iron mash-tun is painted bright red.

Colour – sauternes

Cask – refill gorda, ex sherry

Drinking tip

An outdoor party dram

SOCIETY SINGLE CASK No.

27.93

Rum toffees and water wings

Rum toffees then swimming pools – chlorine and carbolic and water wings. A sweet lightly maritime taste, with light smoke and ginger. Water adds Chinese rice wine and charred wood. New plimsolls in the finish.



DATE DISTILLED 31ST MAR 2000 | ONE OF ONLY 221 BOTTLES



SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

FROM A SINGLE CASK

51.5% vol

Notes:

Rum toffees and water wings

620 SEK

27.93

A classic, old-fashioned example of the iconic Campbeltown malt. After a sweet start featuring cheap rum toffees, we were plunged into a public outdoor swimming pool (chlorine and carbolic, with traces of rubber water wings) - fresh and somewhat tart scents. The taste at natural strength is sweet, maritime (complete with salt) and lightly smoky, with some ginger in the finish. Water continues the swimming images: wet swimming costume, rubber flip-flops – now joined by Chinese rice wine and charred driftwood, with the toffee note remaining. A smooth texture and a sweet and salty taste, with new plimsolls in the finish.

Colour – Vin gris

Cask – Refill barrel

Drinking tip

In a communal shower with a rugby team